

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

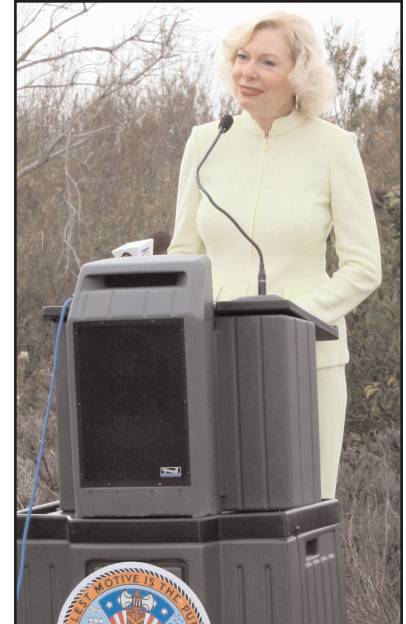
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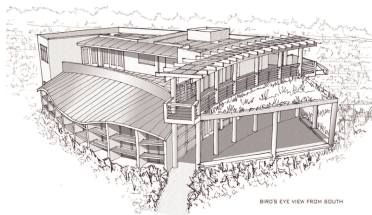
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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (above right) describes the new San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center (below left). Dignitaries prepare for the ceremonial groundbreaking (above left) include, from left: Solana Beach Councilman Joe Kellejian, Encinitas Councilwoman Teresa Barth, Encinitas Councilwoman Maggie Houlihan, Supervisor Slater-Price, and Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner.

SAN ELIJO LAGOON NATURE CENTER
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA



Lagoon Center Breaks Ground

Construction is under way on the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center, a \$5.6 million project that will feature state-of-the-art environmental construction in the design of the new 5,600-square-foot, two-story center that will introduce children and visitors to the 885-acre county park and preserve that is home to 700 species of plants and animals. The center in Cardiff-by-the-Sea draws 50,000 visitors annually. The new building will be powered through solar panels, uses recycled cotton fibers for insulation, and will feature an irrigated, landscaped roof that collects storm water. The new center should debut in December 2008.

Slater-Price Goes On Offense Against Gangs

Acknowledging that a community-wide effort is necessary to stem the influence of violence permeating the region, Supervisor Pam Slater-Price joined Supervisor Bill Horn in calling for the formation of a North County Gang Commission to address issues related to gang violence. The two supervisors brought their proposal before the Board on Dec. 3.

"For decades, communities in North County have been plagued by gang activity that is growing ever more violent. These gangs operate across city borders. It will take a regional effort to bring an

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price is working with Sheriff Bill Kolendar (above) and colleague Supervisor Bill Horn to combat gang activity in North County.

Wildfire Recovery Under Way

Those who suffered during the October wildfires now have until Jan. 9 to register for the Individual Assistance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). The extension allows property owners time to confirm insurance coverage and rebuilding costs.

"This is great news for those who were devastated by the wildfires," said Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "Now they will have time to properly evaluate and file their claims."

FEMA and county representatives are reviewing more than 900 applications for FEMA manufactured homes. Work continues to clear the damage inflicted during the wildfires. Household hazard-

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AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

News of Note

Register To Vote By Mail

Individuals who want to cast their ballot early next year can still sign up. There are three statewide elections in 2008: the Presidential Primary on Feb. 5, Direct Primary on June 3, and General Election on Nov. 4. Ballots will be automatically sent to permanent mail voters beginning Jan. 7 for the February election.



In addition, residents in San Diego County displaced by the recent wildfires are still able to vote even if they are not living in the home where they are registered. Simply provide the Registrar with a mailing address where election materials can be sent. To contact the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters, call (858) 565-5800 or visit www.sdvote.com.

Probation Has New Leader

Mack Jenkins brings almost three decades of experience to San Diego County as the new Chief Probation Officer, overseeing a department that has more than 1,300 staff members and an annual budget of more than \$165 million. Jenkins is from Orange County and is known nationally as a criminal justice consultant and instructor who specializes in drug court programs.

Del Mar's Sunday Library Hours

Lovers of literature can visit the Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino del Mar, or the Solana Beach branch, 157 Stevens Ave., on Sundays. Del Mar hours are 1 to 5 p.m.; Solana Beach is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't miss local author Todd Buchholz discussing his books, "The Castro Gene" and "Dead CEOs: Lasting Lessons from the Corner Office," at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Blvd. in Del Mar.

And, if you can't get enough Elvis, impersonator Raymond Michael will present his holiday Elvis show at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Solana Beach Library. "Thank you very much ..."



MR. SCRIPPS RANCH...

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price honored Col. Robert "Bob" Dingeman, U.S. Army ret., with a proclamation for being recognized by the Miramar College Foundation with its "Outstanding Leader's Award" on Nov. 19. Col. Dingeman, known as "Mr. Scripps Ranch," has dedicated some 60 years of service to his country and community as a civic leader, decorated military veteran, and community volunteer as well as a former educator of 18 years at San Diego Miramar College. For his many years of service as officer and president of the Scripps Ranch Civic Association, he was elected "President Emeritus for Life" and still serves as secretary.

Escondido Is At War With Fruit Fly Pest

A 78-square-mile area of Escondido is under quarantine following the discovery of Mexican fruit flies.

The Mexican fruit fly is one of the most destructive pests in the world, attacking more than 50 crops. The female can lay up to 18 eggs in a host fruit and may lay several thousand eggs during its lifetime.

County agricultural experts have released sterile fruit flies to stem the threat. This technique works by flooding an environment with large numbers of sterile flies that mate with "wild" flies. Any eggs laid will be infertile, eventually eradicating infestation.

The public can report suspicious flies to (800) 491-1899 or (619) 698-1046. Residents with fruit trees can request a fruit fly trap to be placed on their property by calling (800) 300-TRAP (8727).

Wanted: Dedicated Members To Serve On D3 Committees

People giving of their time and expertise are what improve the quality-of-life of residents of the Third District. Applications are being accepted for a variety of vacant positions filled by the Board of Supervisors. These include:

- Air Pollution Control District. Two openings exist. Requirements: Appointee No. 1 represents the medical professional community. Appointee No. 2 is an alternate representing medical professional.

- Assessment Appeals Board 1 and 2. Both openings are for an alternate representative. Requirements: Appointee must have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a CPA, licensed real estate broker or certified proper-

ty appraiser.

- Cable Television and Telecommunications Review Commission. Members are restricted to serving a maximum of three terms. Term expires on Jan. 5, 2009.

- Community Action Partnership Administrative Board. Appointee represents the public sector.

- Mobile Home Issues Committee. Applicant must be a resident of a mobile home park in the Third District.

- Commission on the Status of Women. Term expires on Jan. 5, 2009.

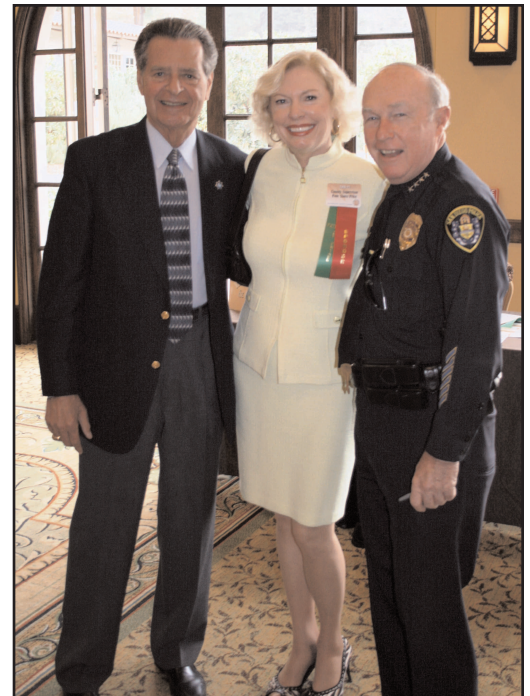
To apply for a position, contact Erica Holloway in Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's office at (619) 531-5533.

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RANCHO BERNARDO SALUTES ITS HEROES

Rancho Bernardo honored its heroes during the 16th annual Thanksgiving luncheon presented by the RB Community Foundation on Nov. 22 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. This year's luncheon was especially timely, as it allowed the community to unite following the devastating wildfire and thank the emergency responders who saved many more residences than the estimated 500 that were destroyed throughout the region. Joining Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (above) was a coalition of firefighters, Marines and other lifesavers. Joining Supervisor Slater-Price (below right) are San Diego County's top-ranking law enforcement officials - San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolendar (left) and San Diego City Police Chief William Lansdowne. Later, Supervisor Slater-Price was joined by (below left) Vonia Serakos, past chair of the RB Chamber of Commerce; Eileen Haag, who is on the board of directors for Endow RB; and Nick Leibham, a member of the President's Council of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy. Supervisor Slater-Price awarded the RB Community Foundation a \$10,000 grant to cover the cost of the luncheon and a \$3,500 grant so that 100 community members who lost their homes could attend the ceremony. Supervisor Slater-Price was active at the shelters and in the district during the fires.



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ous waste has been successfully removed from fire-destroyed structures. Supervisor Slater-Price helped introduce this program. During the fires, she worked hard at various shelters to keep supplies flowing.

So far in Southern California, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved 266 applications for personal property/home loans worth more than \$35 million, and another \$1.76 million approved for small businesses that suffered damage during the wildfires.

Efforts to make sure winter rains do not add to this tragedy continue. More than 107,000 sandbags have been filled and distributed in fire-prone areas, with an additional 100,000 expected soon. Additionally, 3,673 fiber rolls and more than 1,100 pounds of grass seed have also been released. By early December, 13 trucks containing more than 666,000 pounds of hydromulch should have been applied to fire-damaged hillsides.

Crews are also beginning to install the 27,000 feet of K-rails that are used to hold back hillsides.

To further reduce risk of landslides, county crews had excavated 27 percent of the culverts and sumps within the fire areas by late November. Work continues on this



front through December.

Road repairs continue, as 78 percent of the 12,500 feet of guardrail damaged during the fire storms has been replaced. Repairs to power lines and culverts along Del Dios Highway continued into early December, with the roadway closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. through Dec. 5. The affected area is 1,800 feet south of Toyon Canyon Road to 2,300 feet east of Camino de Estrella. More than 19,000 vehicles travel Del Dios Highway every day.

Individuals still interested in assisting the recovery effort can find the volunteer form on Supervisor Slater-Price's website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/bos3/index.html.

"This recovery effort has truly been remarkable, in terms of speed of recovery and intensity of effort," observed Supervisor Slater-Price. "It reaffirms that San Diegans are special, that we care for each other and that there is no challenge so great that we overcome it."

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end to this senselessness. Two outstanding police officers in Oceanside lost their lives due to gang violence," said Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "It is time to take back our communities, to put an end - once and for all - to the cycle of violence and drugs that attracts new members into these outlaw gangs."

The North County Gang Commission will consist of five members appointed from the Fifth District and two from the Third District. They are tasked to create a regional plan to combat gang involvement in North County, seek funding sources to implement the plan, and coordinate with community partners to reduce violence in the region.

"Many of the cities in North County are smaller in size, which hinders their effort to secure grant funding for efforts that assist the region," explained Supervisor Slater-Price. "Only through the tremendous efforts of the Sheriff's Department, and the Escondido and Oceanside police departments have crime rates been kept in check along the Highway 78 corridor.

"What needs to be done is to break the allure gangs have for our children. Regional intervention is the solution. This is the first step in taking back our streets."

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